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# Media Release



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## FATAL COLLISION WEST STARR PASS BOULEVARD & SOUTH MISSION ROAD

On October 25, 2011 at approximately 1 a.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call reporting a possible collision at West Starr Pass Boulevard and South Mission Road. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the area and located the collision scene on the connecting road between northbound Mission and eastbound Starr Pass. A 21-year old male occupant was transported to a local trauma center with serious, possibly life-threatening injuries. One occupant was ejected from the vehicle and was deceased at the scene. She has been identified as **20-year old Dulce Ramirez**, of Tucson. Next of kin have been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. Detectives examined and collected roadway evidence and interviewed witnesses. The evidence indicates that the single-vehicle collision occurred when the 2003 Buick Regal was traveling from northbound Mission Road onto eastbound Starr Pass via the access road on the south side of Starr Pass. The vehicle first struck the north curb and then swerved across the roadway to the south, rolling down an embankment and through a fence. At this time, detectives have not yet been able to determine which of the two occupants was driving at the time of the collision, and the investigation is ongoing. Detectives are investigating the possibility that alcohol was a factor.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2010 - 35

10 Pedestrian

3 Bicycle

6 Motorcycle

For 2011 - 37

13 Pedestrian

2 Bicycle

9 Motorcycle

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